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MAYOR

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YOUR CITY

CITY OF BEAVERTON NEWSLETTER

November - December 2004

Thank You Forrest Soth!

For Your Service on the City Council for the Last 24 Years!

The best kind of hero is one who doesn't think he is one. We've been honored and blessed to have our own hero in Forrest Soth, who has served us with integrity, honor and distinction as a Beaverton City Councilor for 24 years. He chose not to run for re-election and will leave office at the end of December. I want you to know how he has served us, mainly without notice and fanfare, continuously for even longer than his 24 years as an elected official. If you know Forrest like I do, you'd know he wouldn't be happy that this tribute is to him.

Perhaps some of his humility is embodied in his generation – he just turned 85 years old. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean conflicts. Yet, he is as chipper and healthy as someone nearly half his age. He has a strong sense of duty and commitment – if he tells you that something is a certain way, then you can bank on it. I've never known him to use a curse word – even when angry. At the very worst, he describes antagonists or those referring to adversaries as “dirty bad nasties”. He is polite, but direct when ruffled. He has a strong sense of faith and is very committed to his church and its ministries. His re-election motto has always been that he “does his homework” – which is readily apparent in the zeal with which he asks very detailed questions about material supplied for public hearings!

He has been married to his wife, Connie, for 61 years. They have three sons and raised two nephews. He moved into Beaverton shortly after World War II and built his own home in 1950. Our population then was less than 2,000 people – we're now 80,000.

Forrest spent his entire professional career working with the Texaco Oil Company.

His City involvement began in 1977 with four years of service on the Planning Commission. In those days it was required that the Chair of the Board of Design Review (BDR) must also serve on the Planning Commission, so Forrest served on BDR for three years simultaneously. He took office as City Councilor in 1980 and has served continuously since. That is somewhere around 800 City Council meetings and many, many long Monday nights! It is equivalent (my best guess) to nearly two years of full-time work by an employee! I've served with him for 18 years (12 as Mayor and six as City Councilor) and have marveled at his outstanding memory, stamina and regard for the welfare of everyone involved. It is a stunning tribute to his love for detail, fairness and excellence in government.

No one is a stranger to Forrest and he would literally give you the shirt off his back if he determined that you needed it. His church work has included being involved with all facets of its

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Your interests and concerns are important to me. A phone line is available 24 hours a day for citizen calls: (503) 526-3700. Messages will be checked daily, and if you leave your name and number, a staff member or I will respond to you as quickly as possible.

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organization and operation, including opening the buildings on Sundays and traveling to other states to interview prospective ministers. He has been actively involved in serving the destitute and hungry, including collecting scrap cardboard for many years to convert to cash for feeding people. In collecting the cardboard, he wears his familiar beige work clothes, looking more like the school janitor than a longtime respected elected official who has served as City Council President multiple times.

Since 1981 the majority of Beaverton's drinking water source has been supplied through membership in the Joint Water Commission (JWC), which includes receiving water from the Trask River on the Coast Range and Hagg Lake above Forest Grove. Forrest has served Beaverton continuously since 1981 as the only remaining original representative to the JWC and has been recognized as an authority on water and underground infrastructure issues. He has been Beaverton's elected representative to our county-wide 911-radio communications system and has been Chairman of the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) for eight years.

For a number of years, Forrest has proudly served on multiple League of Oregon Cities and National League of Cities ad hoc committees and standing working groups. He is recognized nationally for his thoughtful guidance, broad range of competencies and formal leadership style. No one runs a more democratic, organized and efficient meeting than Forrest!

I could say so much more, but I think you get the idea. Forrest is a community icon and gem whom we'll all miss on a daily basis. I put him in the same "Statesman" category as our former US Senator Mark Hatfield. He gets the job done, does it with style and makes new friends and leaves a lasting impression while doing so.

I honor you, Forrest, in recognizing your long service, sense of duty and unqualified friendship.

• Rob Drake, Mayor

Forrest Soth

**is retiring after 24 years of service
as a Beaverton City Councilor!**



Please join the Mayor, City Councilors and fellow citizens at a reception to honor Forrest and thank him for his dedicated years of service.

**Monday, December 13
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Beaverton City Hall
4755 SW Griffith Drive**

There will be an opportunity to share memories.

YOUR CITY

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THE CITY'S MISSION:
*"Preserve and enhance Beaverton
as a responsive, dynamic, attractive
and safe community."*

Rob Drake, Mayor
Forrest Soth, Council President
Betty Bode, Councilor
Dennis Doyle, Councilor
Fred Ruby, Councilor
Cathy Stanton, Councilor

COUNCIL GOALS:

- 1-Preserve and enhance our sense of community.
- 2-Use City resources efficiently to ensure long-term financial stability.
- 3-Continue to plan for, improve and maintain the City's infrastructure.
- 4-Provide responsive, cost-effective service to the community.
- 5-Assure a safe and healthy community.
- 6-Manage growth and respond to change consistent with maintaining a livable, full-service city.
- 7-Maintain Beaverton as a regional leader in cooperative efforts with other agencies and organizations.
- 8-Provide and support a highly qualified and motivated City work force.

Council Corner:

Farewell from Councilor Forrest Soth

PLEASE NOTE: The Council Corner article reflects the views of the Councilor writing the article. The Mayor's or other Councilors' opinions may not be fully reflected in Council Corner articles.



*by Forrest Soth
Council President*

This will probably be the last time I write a Council Corner article before my term expires and I leave the Beaverton City Council on December 31. Over the four years on the Planning Commission and the 24 years following on the City Council, many things have changed in the

City, including our Municipal Court.

Where we once had to deal with many pieces of paper in a Court proceeding, we now use computer programs for much of the work. This allows the Municipal Judge to have all applicable information at his fingertips when conducting nearly any type of hearing, as well as being able to enter final judgment and conclude cases more expeditiously. Records are available immediately for any further processing.

Our City Charter provides that the City Council "...shall appoint and may remove a municipal judge..." The Municipal Judge must be a member in good standing of the Oregon State Bar. Section 21 of the City Charter details the powers and limitations of the Municipal judges.

The Municipal Court deals mostly with traffic infractions, minor misdemeanors, bad checks, and Code violations. These may seem minor and routine, but because of the number of cases cited to Municipal Court, they vary a great deal, both in seriousness and the effect on people involved. Some may think "it's only a traffic ticket, so I'll ignore it"; however, if you do not pay the fine as stated on the citation or appear in court at the time and date noted, the consequences can be serious. When you fail to appear in court, the judge can issue a warrant for your arrest, or re-set the trial date. If you still ignore the date, the judge can enter a

"default judgment", which means you owe the Court whatever the amount is, and your license to drive can be suspended until you resolve the issue.

Beaverton's Municipal Court is not to be confused with Washington County's Justice Court on Murray Blvd. That Court does not handle all the types of cases our Municipal Court does – that is why it has a different name and function.

Some statistics are revealing. For the Fiscal Year 2003-2004, a total of 26,128 cases were filed, involving 28,868 charges; the difference is that some cases had more than one charge. Traffic cases were 22,138, crimes 1,672, Others 2,318. Theft related charges were 449; DUI was 397; 10,286 were due to speeding (the majority of these were the result of photo radar citations). Other citations involved driving uninsured, no operator's license, failure to renew registrations, careless driving, while many others were in smaller numbers.

Photo red light and photo radar is of special note, and the statistics show that it is working: Fiscal Year 2003 there were 6,664 citations and in Fiscal Year 2004 there were 9,924.

Your Municipal Court produces revenue annually which helps support police programs. Every citation issued has multiple pieces attached to it. The funds received as fines are distributed by law to the County jail, the State of Oregon to fund higher courts, the City jail and the City's general fund.

I could cover three pages of further explanations about our Municipal Court, but this space is limited. Suffice it to say that our Municipal Court is doing, in my opinion, a good job; our Municipal Judges are courteous and fair. We try to accommodate people who cannot take time from work to appear by having a Night Court, and are flexible in scheduling appearances if proper notice is given. I hope I don't see you in Court. Thanks for 24 years on Beaverton's City Council.

City Councilors Welcome Your Comments

Please feel free to call your City Councilors with any comments or questions you may have. They can be reached at the following numbers:

**Forrest Soth,
Council President
(503) 644-4972**

**Betty Bode
(503) 526-2347**

**Dennis Doyle
(503) 526-2344**

**Fred Ruby
(503) 526-2345**

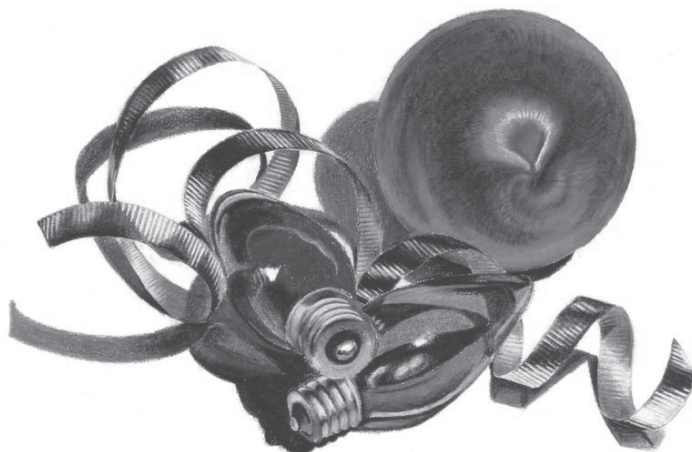
**Cathy Stanton
(503) 526-2343**

Join Mayor Rob Drake and the Beaverton City Council
in welcoming the holiday season!

Beaverton Holiday Tree Lighting

Monday, November 29, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

at the Beaverton Round Fountain Plaza (adjacent to the Beaverton Central MAX Station)



Terra Linda Choir and Nancy Ryles Choir
presented by Beaverton Arts
Commission.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND CELEBRATE THE SEASON.

MAYOR ROB DRAKE AND THE BEAVERTON CITY COUNCIL

Invite you and your family to attend the City of Beaverton's

Annual Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

BEAVERTON CITY HALL

4755 SW GRIFFITH DRIVE, BEAVERTON

*Visit with the Mayor, City Councilors and City Staff.
Enjoy refreshments, listen to holiday music and bring
the kids to see Santa!*

Operations Department:

Beaverton Creek Restoration Project

The City has begun an effort to improve water quality and to restore areas of Beaverton Creek from SW Broadway to the large pond area adjacent to The Round near SW Hall Blvd. Over a period of many years, this stretch of Beaverton Creek has experienced reduced seasonal stream flows and overgrowth of blackberries and aggressive non-native vegetation. These have deprived native plants of the space needed to grow.

The creek channel has been altered by erosion in some places and by flooding that has created areas of slow water movement and high summer water temperatures. Nutria have established a significant presence and have devoured many of the plants that are necessary for wildlife and fish habitat.

City crews have recently removed vegetation and refuse from the short stretch of Beaverton Creek between SW Broadway and SW Canyon Road. Biodegradable “logs” made of woven coconut shell fiber have been installed to accumulate silt and native soils during high water flow times. Native plant materials provided by Clean Water Services, including willow trees, were installed in October to re-establish shading for the creek and a more natural environment.

The City is coordinating its efforts with property owners to arrange for the removal of the weeds and blackberries from the creek banks between SW Canyon Road and SW Hall Blvd. These areas will then be planted with native trees and plants also provided by Clean Water Services.

When Tri-Met constructed the light rail line at The Round site, the large open detention area was separated from the main creek channel by a long peninsula. During the floods of 1996, this peninsula was washed away and the large pond was created. This pond has become a habitat for nutria and has significantly elevated water temperatures in this area of the creek. It has also become a dumping location for refuse including shopping carts and old tires.

Using the same biodegradable “logs”, City crews are restoring the damaged peninsula. These “logs” are being staked in place using

willow cuttings that will root and grow, further stabilizing the peninsula and providing important shade in the summer. Once the nutria are removed from this area and the pond is returned to a seasonal wetland, native plants can be re-introduced to the currently submerged area.

City staff and volunteer groups will help to provide care for the restored areas during the next three years by removing weeds and blackberries as they re-emerge and by watering the newly installed plants until they are established. Other creeks throughout the City will be evaluated for similar needs with work to be scheduled as time and funding may permit. Volunteer efforts can greatly assist in these projects, so if you know of a group that may be willing to provide help, please call the Operations Department at (503) 526-2220.

Questions about this article can be directed to the City's Operations Department at (503) 526-2220 or to the City's Web site at www.ci.beaverton.or.us



Beaverton Creek enhancement work in progress.

Neighborhood Program: Spotlight on West Slope NAC

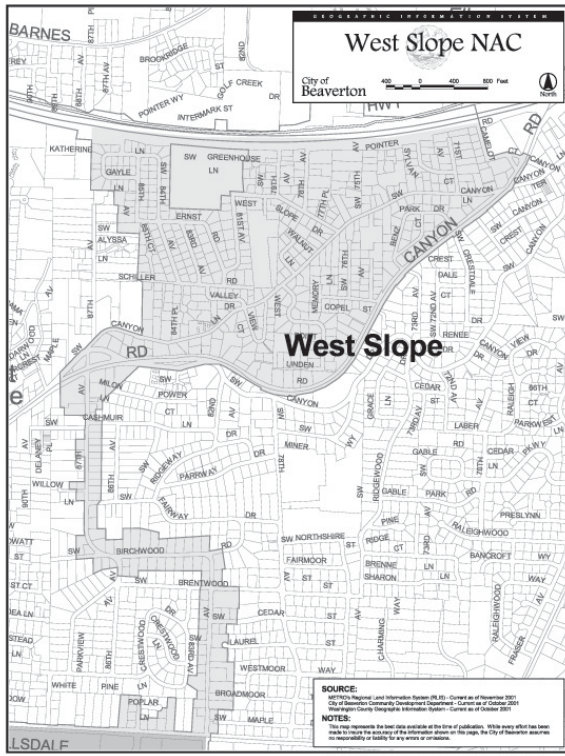
Since 1987, the City of Beaverton's Neighborhood Program has provided support and assistance to the City's 13 neighborhood association committees (NACs). The NACs provide neighbors the opportunity to learn about, discuss, and participate in the resolution of issues affecting their neighborhoods.

NACs also provide neighbors the opportunity to get to know each other and work on projects that enhance the livability of their neighborhood. As we did in the last *Your City*, we are featuring a spotlight on one of the 13 NACs. In this

Earlier this year, NAC members Matthew Spicer and Don Dutro, also a local business owner, were awarded a Special Recognition Award by the City's Committee for Citizen Involvement. The award recognized their efforts to obtain an economic development/transportation and growth management grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation to benefit the 87th Avenue/Canyon Road business area.

The goal of the project was to improve the business environment in the 87th/Canyon Road area by funding a planning design process. This planning process was envisioned as an opportunity to gather together business owners, landowners, and neighborhood residents to identify problems and brainstorm solutions to address some of the neighborhood design and transportation challenges affecting the business area. Working with their neighbors, Matthew and Don were key in researching the project and preparing the grant application. Though the grant request was denied, the energy Don and Matthew exhibited has reinforced the NAC's interest in looking into other projects that can enhance their neighborhood.

Interested in attending a West Slope NAC meeting or reading what they've been up to? NAC meeting information, including meeting minutes, can be found on the City's Web site at www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/neighborhoods or by contacting the Neighborhood Program at (503) 526-2543.



issue, it is the West Slope NAC.

The West Slope NAC is the City's smallest Neighborhood Association at only .47 square miles. It is also the City's youngest NAC, having been recognized in 2001. Located on the eastern boundary of the City of Beaverton, many of the residents within the NAC, who are Beaverton residents, actually have Portland mailing addresses. The NAC meets every other month on the third Tuesday of the month in the West Sylvan Middle School.

Unlike some of the City's NACs which are solely residential, the West Slope NAC is a mix of residential, including multi-family housing, and commercial. The majority of the commercial is located along Canyon Road and includes a mix of small businesses and car dealerships. The NAC has taken a keen interest in the commercial portion of their NAC.

For more information about the Neighborhood Program, see the Web site at www.ci.beaverton.or.us, by email neighbor@mail.ci.beaverton.or.us, or by telephone at (503) 526-2543.



West Slope Neighborhood Sign Topper

Engineering Department:

Preparing for Spring 2005 Projects

Over the past several months, the staff of the Engineering Department have worked to bring projects to a successful completion in anticipation of the winter season. Although some projects are still under construction, fall and winter staff time is largely being spent planning the design of projects that will commence in the Spring of 2005. The following is a glimpse at current and future projects.

New Traffic Signals – The City recently awarded a contract for traffic signal work at two locations. A new traffic signal will be installed on **Farmington Road at Erickson Avenue**. Erickson provides access to Beaverton High School and the surrounding neighborhood. Completion of the new signal is expected in early 2005. On **Griffith Drive at Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway**, the existing signal will be modified to provide left-turn arrows for northbound and southbound Griffith Drive traffic. This revision is intended to improve safety by reducing left-turn vehicle conflicts with pedestrians and oncoming vehicles. It is also intended to reduce delays. Completion of the signal revisions is expected in November 2004.

Traffic Calming – The Beaverton City Council and Traffic Commission have approved a traffic calming plan for NW 170th Drive between Walker Road and 173rd Avenue. Traffic calming measures will include speed bumps and curb extensions. Construction is expected to be complete by Spring 2005.

Cedar Hills Boulevard – The City recently completed the second phase of a public utility and pavement overlay improvements program on Cedar Hills Boulevard between Jenkins Road and Beaverton Creek. In the third and final phase of the project, improvements will extend from Beaverton Creek to Farmington Road. The utility improvements will include waterline and storm line replacement and are scheduled to be completed in the May-July 2005 time frame. The pavement overlay is scheduled for August 2005.

Blakeney Storm and Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Storm drainage and sanitary sewer improvements are proposed for the area along Blakeney Avenue from Bel Aire Drive to Cresmoor Drive, and along Cresmoor to Hall

Boulevard. The project is intended to reduce the instances of flooding and surcharging in the basin due to undersized pipes in the storm and sanitary sewer systems. The storm project also includes the expansion of the detention pond on the south side of Hall in anticipation of the future improvement of SW 125th Avenue from Hall Boulevard to Greenway. Construction should begin in July 2005. Once the preliminary design is complete, a neighborhood meeting will be scheduled to share the design concept and receive input from the affected property owners.

Erickson Storm and Sanitary Improvements – This project is a continuation of the Central Interceptor Storm Drain Project intended to reduce the instances of flooding along Erickson Avenue north of Allen Boulevard. Included in this project is the replacement of the existing 24-inch diameter storm drain with a 42-inch diameter pipe and the sanitary sewer which parallels the storm line. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2005. Once these projects are completed, the street surface of Erickson Avenue will be re-paved.

Lombard Storm Drainage Improvements: Allen Boulevard to Why Worry Lane – This project is proposed to eliminate flooding along Lombard and Why Worry Lane, which is contributing to the deterioration of the street surface in this area. The project will be constructed in combination with the Erickson Storm and Sanitary Improvements Project in the Spring of 2005.

Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well No. 4 – In late Spring 2005, construction is scheduled to begin on a 1,200 square foot single-story drinking water well pump house (ASR Well No. 4). The structure will be built on two residential subdivision lots purchased by the City of Beaverton and located on SW Hanson Road near 135th Avenue. The City's ASR Well No. 4 project consists of constructing the pump house and installing a pumping system inside the pump house for a unique City groundwater supply well. (The water well itself was drilled in the Summer of 2003.) The building's architecture is being designed to blend with the surrounding neighborhood.

If you have any questions about Engineering Department projects, please call (503) 526-2269.

Community Development Department: **Building Permits and Selling Your Home**

For more information, please visit our Web site at www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/CDD



Recent amendments have refocused interest in Oregon Revised Statute 105.465 that (among other things) requires anyone selling their home to disclose to prospective buyers if the required building permits and inspections were obtained for any additions, conversions, or remodeling that had taken place on the home. If the required permits were not obtained, the prospective buyers may consider a different offer on the home. The requirement means, for instance, that if someone added a bathroom without taking out the necessary building permits, the seller is obligated to disclose this to the buyer. Typically, private home inspectors hired by prospective buyers often report these types of additions or alterations and the sale may become contingent on the seller permitting the construction in question.

The City's Building Services Division is often contacted about obtaining the necessary permits, and some of the typical questions that are asked are:

Q: What if I have made an alteration to my home without realizing I needed a permit and I want to correct the situation? Will I be subject to a fine? Do I have to tear the whole project down and start over?

A: Penalties can be levied for those who refuse to comply with the law. The Building Services Division would rather see a building conform to the code than punish a homeowner. If a homeowner discovers they did not obtain a permit when required, they do not necessarily have to tear the project down and start over. If the alteration can meet the applicable codes, it can be approved. However, the inspectors will not necessarily approve something they cannot see and may require small sections of wall or roof covering be removed to verify the construction meets the code. There is no guarantee that some changes may need to be made, and some may not be easy to accomplish.

Q: If I take out a permit to remodel a

home built ten years ago, do I build to the code in effect when the home was originally built?

A: No. The new work must be constructed under the codes in effect today.

Q: If I remodel my house, do I have to bring the entire home up to the codes in effect today?

A: No. Only the new portion being remodeled must meet the current codes unless it creates a hazard for the existing building, such as overloading an existing beam.

Q: How long does it take to get a permit?

A: The length of time varies depending on the complexity of the project. The Building Services Division has a staff member available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. or by appointment to review small, simple projects "over the counter." This means you can come in and leave with a permit (taking approximately one-half hour). It may take other more complex projects up to two weeks before they are reviewed and approved.

Some permits can be handled through the mail or by our counter staff (such as water heater replacement, air conditioners, lawn irrigation backflow prevention devices, simple electrical permits, and wood and pellet stoves).

As further explanation, this means that even if the project was completed five years ago, it would be reviewed under current building codes. While it is not the intention of the City to penalize a homeowner wanting to comply with the regulations, the rules which help protect our citizens cannot be overlooked. To obtain a permit requires plans that illustrate the work that was performed to be submitted as part of the permit application. This can become a problem if there were never plans and/or the seller cannot recall how the work was done. If plans can be produced and approved by the Building Services Division, the next step would be for the City to inspect the work.

Since often the work in question is typically beneath covered surfaces, the inspector would need to have a certain amount of sheetrock or

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FREE LEAF DISPOSAL

The City of Beaverton is providing a free leaf disposal station at

The Operations Center

located at 9600 SW Allen Boulevard on

Saturday, November 20, and

Saturday, December 4.

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to bring collected leaves only (other yard debris cannot be accepted). All leaves removed and disposed of in this manner help to reduce the volume of leaves that otherwise must be removed from city streets. City staff appreciates the broad support this program has received in the past and expects this year's events to be equally successful.

Please remember that leaves should not be placed in the streets for removal. The City's ordinances prohibit this activity and the street sweeping equipment is unable to manage huge volumes of deposited leaves at the curb line. Leaves that are placed in the street also contribute to localized flooding when they clog catch basins.

Clean Water Services will operate two leaf disposal sites on **Saturday, November 20, and Saturday, December 11** at the Sunset High School parking lot, 13840 NW Cornell Road, and the Aloha High School parking lot, SW Madeline and 185th Avenue. Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. City of Beaverton residents are welcome to use these facilities as well. Commercial disposal is not allowed.

For additional information call, (503) 526-2206.

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other coverings removed for inspection. For example, plumbing and electrical inspectors must see the rough-in piping and wiring work behind the wall covering, under the floor, or in the attic to determine if the work conforms to the codes. If the work does not comply, it would need to be corrected in order to be approved.

One way to get off to a good start with a remodel project is to avoid the possibility for problems later when trying to sell your home. A phone call to the City's Building Services Division at (503) 526-2403 should be one of the first things on the "to do" list of anyone contemplating a home project. Then, when it comes time to sell your home, you will have one

less thing to think about. You should also know that the State Building Code exempts some projects from permits, which is another reason to call (or you can view a list of work exempted from permits on our City Web site at: www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/CDD/CDD_bldgfaqs.html).

The City of Beaverton Building Services Division wants to be as helpful as possible in order to make your permitting experience a positive one. We can be reached Monday through Friday at (503) 526-2403 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. And remember, permits exist to protect the safety and value of your home.

Code Services Program: Noise in an Urban Environment

If you have any questions about the Beaverton Municipal Code, call us at (503) 526-2270 or email codeservmail@ci.beaverton.or.us.



Summer Construction work in Beaverton.

Traffic noise, construction noise, the sound of lawn mowers and leaf blowers on a Saturday morning -- they're all part of our urban soundscape. Some noises are necessary. Others are not so necessary. The Beaverton Code prohibits unnecessary noise that annoys or disturbs others. Let's talk about what noises are necessary and what are not necessary.

Construction noise, it is all around us. Beaverton is a growing city. The population has grown by 21,000 people in the last ten years, a 35 percent increase. No wonder there are so many new houses and apartments! All those

people need someplace to call home. Construction noise is necessary, but it has to have limits. The Beaverton Code limits the hours that construction noise is allowed - between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in residential districts.

During the long, hot days of summers, construction workers often like to start as early as possible, and work

as late as they can to get the job done. At Code Services, we appreciate their desire to get the job done. The faster they get their work done, the sooner the project will be completed. That means fewer days of noise and construction traffic in the neighborhood. On the other hand, we also appreciate the concerns of neighbors who live near the construction site and have to endure the noise day in and day out. We are sympathetic to the impact that construction noise can have on people.

If you notice a builder starting before 7:00 a.m. or working past 7:00 p.m., what should you do? Well, if the noise is tolerable for you and your neighbors, go ahead and be patient. Remember, the sooner the work is finished, the sooner things will get back to normal in your neighborhood. However, if the early or late construction noise is completely intolerable, report the problem to Code Services at our Web site: www.ci.beaverton.or.us. Look for the "Report A Problem" link on the City's home page, and let us know what's going on.

At Code Services, our mission is to enhance neighborhood livability and the quality of life in Beaverton by helping businesses and residents understand and comply with their responsibilities under the Beaverton Code.

Dispute Resolution Center: Volunteering Builds Our "Social Capital"

Communities are held together by what Harvard sociologist Professor Robert Putnam calls "social capital." Social capital is the measure of the "social cohesion" in a community. Social capital is the gauge of the bonding strength of the social networks which hold a community together. This is important because increasing historical evidence shows that maintaining strong social capital is critical for communities to prosper economically and for development to be sustainable.

The City of Beaverton's social capital measures the cohesion between the institutions, relationships, and norms that shape the quality and quantity of the City's social interactions.

Social capital is created from links within and between the social networks that encompass our families, friends, neighbors, fellow workers and/or acquaintances, organizations and the institutions in our community. The positive interconnection of these diverse social networks creates for us an environment where we feel a deeper sense of belonging and trust. A deeper sense of belonging and trust within our community promotes a greater willingness on our part to assist others, even people we don't know. That is the real power of social capital; assisting, helping and working together as a community to address and solve our civic challenges.

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Contact the Dispute Resolution Center at (503) 526-2523 or by e-mail: disputemail@ci.beaverton.or.us.

Police Department:

BPD Receives Good Marks on Report Card

The Beaverton Police Department's mission is to provide the highest quality service; preserve human rights, lives and property; and strive to achieve the goals of the Department, the City, and the community. The Department is committed to the highest professional standards, working in partnership with citizens to problem solve and meet the challenges of reducing crime, creating a safer environment, and improving our quality of life.

Success of the mission statement is determined through citizen communication, meeting annual performance measurements, and maintaining a safe community. Additionally, the Department occasionally conducts citizen surveys as a tool to measure the community's satisfaction level. As part of a federal grant, the Department hired the consulting firm of Davis, Hibbitts and Midghall in July to conduct a survey of 300 residents, age 18 and older, who reside in the City of Beaverton. The purpose of the survey was to assess residents' opinions about the

performance of the Police Department in a variety of service areas, awareness of identity theft and general communications.

The results of the survey, or "report card" were positive. Generally, the Beaverton Police are rated very highly among residents in the performance areas tested. The following are the results of areas covered in the survey:

BEAVERTON POLICE SURVEY RATINGS:

| <u>Area</u> | <u>Positive</u> | <u>Negative</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Visibility in the Community | 90% | 10% |
| Protecting Citizens Against Violent Crime | 89% | 11% |
| Enforcement of Traffic Laws | 84% | 16% |
| Protecting Property Against Property Crime | 78% | 22% |

Note: Positive includes ratings of "Excellent" or "pretty good" and Negative includes ratings of "Not too good" or "poor".

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Volunteers are critical to the City of Beaverton's future because through their efforts they naturally increase the amount of social capital existing within our community and they increase the scope, support level and impact of our City's diverse community programs. These two results are definitely a win/win result for our citizens and our community!

You too can contribute to growing our City's "social capital" by turning your special talents and abilities into positive action. There are many programs within the City of Beaverton for you to pursue volunteer opportunities. Check out the opportunities for volunteer service on the City's Web site. The site lists the open positions in the Mayor's Office Programs and provides direct links to the City of Beaverton Boards & Commissions, Beaverton City Library, and the Beaverton Police Department Web sites and their online applications.

When asked which service was most important, the majority of citizens wanted continued protection against violent crimes (50 percent) and protection against property crimes (22 percent). Incidentally, overall Part One crimes, which include murder, robbery, burglary, theft from vehicles and auto theft, were down 12 percent for the period of January through July 2004 compared with the same time period in 2003.

While the Police Department is pleased with the results of the "report card", we continue to strive for a safe community through proactive professional community-based policing. Additionally, the Department is prepared to meet the changing needs of the community through its commitment to enhance community partnerships; ensure officers are well-trained, educated, and ready to perform their duties, now and in the future; and, keep ahead of crime trends through crime statistical analysis.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue: Home Heating Tips

Fall and winter are prime time for heating equipment fires. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reminds you to use caution this season by following the safety tips below.

Fireplaces and Woodstoves

- Have your fireplace or wood stove inspected and cleaned by a professional.
- Before lighting a fire, make sure the flue is unobstructed and that the damper is open.
- Install a tight-fitting fireplace screen or place a sturdy screen in front of your fireplace.
- Keep combustible items (furniture, magazines, newspapers, etc.) at least three feet away from fireplaces and woodstoves.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood to prevent the build-up of creosote. Creosote is a shiny, highly flammable material that will coat your chimney flue. When enough creosote is present, it only takes a spark to ignite it and cause a chimney fire.
- Keep your fire small in size and never leave a fire unattended.
- After using your fireplace or woodstove, allow ashes to cool completely by waiting two to three days before removing. If you cannot wait, dispose of the ashes in a metal can outside your home.

Furnaces

- Inspect and clean your furnace prior to each heating season or have a professional provide this service.
- Clean your filter regularly and replace when necessary.
- Keep combustible items such as boxes,

flammable liquids, newspapers, etc. at least three feet away from the pilot light of a gas furnace.

Portable Space Heaters

- Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL)-approved portable heaters and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions.
- NEVER use kerosene, propane, or other outdoor-use heaters indoors due to the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Make sure your portable heater has a "tip switch" which automatically shuts off the heater in the event the unit is knocked over.
- Many units have exposed surfaces which become very hot. Keep portable heaters at least three feet away from combustibles.
- Always turn off space heaters when you go to bed or leave the house.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include:

- Slight headache or dizziness
- Nausea
- Drowsiness or euphoric feeling
- Confusion or irritability
- Unconsciousness

Additionally, protect yourself by making sure you have **working** smoke alarms on each level of your home and outside every sleeping area. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year or when your smoke alarm begins to "chirp." For further peace of mind, consider installing a carbon monoxide detector.

**For more
safety
information,
contact us at
(503) 649-8577
or go to our
Web site at
www.tvfr.com.**



Martin Luther King Day Celebration

Save this date! On Sunday, January 16, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Portland Community College and the City of Beaverton will sponsor an event celebrating the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. The event will take place in the Meeting and Events Center (Building 9) at PCC's Rock Creek campus. More information will be forthcoming.



Solid Waste & Recycling News

Have you seen this decal at a Beaverton business ?

It means the business recycles! This decal lets your customers know that your business cares about the community. By displaying this decal, you are letting the public know your company has a recycling system in place and has actively taken measures to reduce the amount of materials reaching local landfills.

Employees take pride in knowing they can recycle at work as well as at home and appreciate having



the opportunity to do their part. By keeping recyclable materials out of the garbage collection system, you are helping the region meet its goal to recycle materials that would normally go to landfills!

Post your decal in a prominent location and let your community know your business is a leader.

To get your decal or learn more about recycling, contact the City of Beaverton

Recycling Team at (503) 526-2665 or email recyclingmail@ci.beaverton.or.us

Waste Wise Holiday Tips

During the holiday season, people living in the Portland area throw away 25 percent more garbage. Here are some common question topics frequently raised during this time of year:

- Wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, shirt boxes, holiday cards and other paper products may be recycled in your red bins.
- Plastic coated and/or foil gift wrap is not recyclable.
- Christmas trees may be recycled by cutting them into three-foot sections in your yard debris cart as part of your regular weekly yard debris collection, OR you can drop your tree off at one of the many Christmas tree recycling drop-offs in the area in early January. Watch in the media or call the regional recycling hotline at (503) 234-3000 for more information.
- Plastic bags, block styrofoam, and foam peanuts are not recyclable in the curbside red-bin program. At present, there is not enough of an Oregon market to recycle the volumes of these materials that would come from the curbside collection program. Some local grocery stores, however will accept your plastic bags and some mailing service stores will accept foam peanuts for reuse.

Holiday Collection Schedules

The holiday season is nearly here, and there are always many questions about when garbage and recycling companies provide their services this time of year. Here are the answers:

Beaverton garbage truck drivers work all weekdays except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. This means that in 2004 (because of Saturday holidays) there is no change in regular residential collection schedules:

- Regular collection schedules will occur on **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, November 25).
- Since **Christmas Day** and **New Year's Day** both fall on Saturday in 2004, there will be no changes to the regular residential collection schedule.
- There **will be** collection on **Christmas Eve Day** (Friday, December 24) and **New Year's Eve Day** (Friday, December 31) in 2004.

Call your garbage hauler or the City Recycling information line at (503) 526-2665 for more information.

For more information about Beaverton solid waste and recycling topics, see the City Web site at www.ci.beaverton.or.us, call (503) 526-2665, or email recyclingmail@ci.beaverton.or.us.

Beaverton Arts Commission Oregon Cultural Trust Tax Credits

For more information, contact the Arts Commission office at (503) 526-2288.

Sign up for the Arts Commission Arts News and Events mailing list at www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/arts/news.htm

Did you know that you can support your favorite arts, heritage or humanities organization, such as the Beaverton Arts Foundation, Library Foundation or Washington County Historical Society among many others AND support the Oregon Cultural Trust at the same level AND get a tax credit for that very same amount? It is an extraordinary opportunity that allows an individual to make a significant impact without adversely impacting his/her pocketbook.

The **Oregon Cultural Trust** is a long-term funding plan for preserving and strengthening Oregon's arts, heritage and humanities. The Trust is funded in part by private contributions made by individuals and corporations who receive a tax credit on their Oregon income tax when they (1) donate to a nonprofit cultural organization and (2) donate to the **Oregon Cultural Trust**.

To take advantage of the Oregon Cultural Tax Credit, the donor must follow these steps:

Step 1: Contribute any amount to one or more qualified Oregon nonprofit cultural organizations (for a list visit www.culturaltrust.org)

Step 2: Contribute any amount to the **Oregon Cultural Trust**.

Step 3: Take a credit against their Oregon Income Tax of the *lesser* amount in Step 1 and Step 2, up to the statutory limits, which are:

100% of up to \$500 for individual taxpayers (\$1,000 per couple filing jointly) and up to \$2,500 per corporation. Donors may also take the standard deduction for their charitable contributions to nonprofit cultural organizations on their Oregon tax return and on their federal tax return and may be able to deduct their contribution to the Oregon Cultural Trust on their federal tax return as a standard deduction. (Please consult your tax advisor.)

How the tax credit works for an individual taxpayer.

If you give \$__ to one or more cultural nonprofit and you give \$__ to the Cultural Trust, you will receive a tax credit as follows:

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| \$ 500 | and | \$ 500 | = tax credit of \$ 500 |
| \$1,000 | and | \$1,000 | = tax credit of \$ 500 |
| \$ 100 | and | \$ 150 | = tax credit of \$ 100 |
| \$ 100 | and | \$ 50 | = tax credit of \$ 50 |
| \$ -0- | and | \$ 500 | = tax credit of \$ -0- |

What's the difference between a tax deduction and a tax credit? A tax deduction gives the taxpayer a reduction in taxable income on which your tax rate is applied to arrive at the amount of tax due. A tax credit gives a dollar for dollar reduction in the amount of tax due on the bottom line. The **Oregon Cultural Trust** allows the taxpayer to use both.

For more information, go to www.culturaltrust.org.

Art Around Town

Artworks by local artists are exhibited for sale in Beaverton City Hall during November and December:

Collective works in a variety media by *The Studio Group* will be exhibited in City Hall during the month of November. Watercolors by Artist Mary Braund, Photographs by Artist Steve Warnstaff and Sculpture by Artist Jonas Blaut will be on exhibit at Beaverton City Hall during the month of December. Artwork is located on the first, second and third floor corridors. **City Hall hours are Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Importance of Music

Music is on the march. In less than a century it has stepped onto the airwaves and traveled the world on wax, vinyl, metal, and semiconductor. We hear music at home, on the road, and even while we walk. But then again, didn't our grandparents? And they didn't need batteries...they sang.

We are surrounded by music, but few of us sing as much as our grandparents did. Why bother when professionals burst into song at the press of a button? Consider: while the words of a parent to child fade quickly, the comfort and words of lullabies can stay with a child into parenthood, and warm the lives of the next generation.

If we sing, they will learn to sing; if we play CDs, they will learn to push buttons. It is not too late! Beaverton is rich in music education and performance chances for everyone. Private lessons, public classes and social groups abound! So switch off your stereo, turn off your TV, and start making music together!

For information on music classes in the Beaverton area contact the Beaverton Arts Commission at (503) 526-2288 or www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/arts.

Beaverton City Library: Holiday Gift Giving Ideas

1. Participate in the Pave-the-Way Campaign: Engrave a paving stone located at the Library's entrance. For a tax deductible donation of \$100 you can have your family's name, the name of a loved one, or the name of your business engraved on a paving stone.

2. Contribute tax deductible cash donations to the Beaverton Library Foundation, PO Box 602, Beaverton OR 97075-0602. Money raised by the Foundation helps support the annual youth Summer Reading Program and the library's collections.

3. Shop at the Friends of the Library "Book Corner" located at 12470 SW 5th St. Beaverton (across from the Library Park Fountain). You will find a wonderful selection of gently used books and other items most selling for a \$1.00 or less! Book Corner hours: Tuesday – Saturday 11:00

a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sundays 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

4. Donate money to purchase a book in memory or in honor of a loved one. A special plaque will be placed in the book.

5. Buy a book bag for \$10.00. They make great gifts!

6. Drop your spare change into the donation box the next time you visit the Library.

7. Make a contribution to purchase an annual subscription to a newspaper or magazine.

8. Become a member of the Friends of the Library for as little as \$8.00 per year.

9. Join the Foundation or Friends of the Library board as a volunteer.

If you would like more information regarding these gift giving ideas, please call the Beaverton City Library at (503) 644-2197.

Address:

**12375 SW 5th
Street,
(5th & Hall)
Beaverton, OR
97005**

Phone:

(503) 644-2197

The Community Supports Summer Reading through the Beaverton Library Foundation

A special THANK YOU to all the individuals and businesses that helped support another successful summer reading program at the Beaverton City Library! Over 4,200 youth took part in the program. Beaverton area kids were busy reading to complete the program in July; 72,305 items were checked out, an increase of nearly 5,000 items from the previous year.

Major sponsor: Bank of America Foundation

General sponsors: West Coast Bank, Rivermark Community Credit Union, Ron Tonkin Management Company, En Vogue Interiors, Hall Street Grill, Heitzman Body & Paint, Icabods, McMenamins, Natural Choices Health Clinic, Pacific Water Resources, Plaid Pantries, Inc., Precision Body & Paint, Real Pro NW LLC, TT&L Sheetmetal, The Men's Wearhouse, Umpqua Bank. Judith Hvam, Ed-

ward Kirsch, S. Bender Phelps, Elizabeth Royalty, Brenda Slawinowski, Mary Ulmer, Larry Volchok, John Hitner.

In-kind sponsors: Dairy Queen, Taco Time, McDonalds, Godfathers Pizza, Oregon Library Association, Oaks Park, Bullwinkles Family Fun Center, OPB, Portland's WB, The Oregonian, Lazerquick, Washington County Cooperative Library Services, El Hispanic News, State Farm Insurance, Wells Fargo, KUIK 1360 AM, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Beaverton Swim Center, Chilis, Round Table Pizza, Hot Lips Pizza.

The lives of thousands of kids and teens were certainly enriched by their participation in the Summer Reading Program. The Beaverton Library Foundation and the Beaverton City Library thank all who contributed.

New Schedule for Beaverton City Library Effective Sunday, October 17, 2004:

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR • NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2004

City Council Meetings* - City Hall / Council Chambers

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| Mon. | November 15 | 6:30 p.m. -- Televised |
| Mon. | December 6 | 6:30 p.m. -- Televised |
| Mon. | December 13 | 6:30 p.m. -- Televised |
| Mon. | December 20 | 6:30 p.m. -- Televised |

NAC Meetings **

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|----------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Central Beaverton NAC | Thurs. | Nov. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Beaverton Community Center |
| | Thurs. | Dec. 16 | 7:00 p.m. | |
| Denney Whitford NAC | Thurs. | Nov. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Edgewood Downs Retirement Ctr. |
| Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC | Tues. | Dec. 14 | 7:00 p.m. | Elmonica Elementary School |
| Highland NAC | Thurs. | Dec. 9 | 7:00 p.m. | Beaverton Resource Center |
| Sexton Mountain NAC | Wed. | Nov. 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Sexton Mtn. Elem. School |
| Vose NAC | Thurs. | Nov. 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Beaverton Community Center |
| | Thurs. | Dec. 16 | 7:00 p.m. | |
| West Slope NAC | Tues. | Dec. 14 | 7:00 p.m. | West Sylvan Middle School |

Boards and Commissions - Meeting Locations at City Hall

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|--|--------|---------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Beaverton Arts Commission | Tues. | Nov. 16 | 6:30 p.m. | City Hall, 3rd Floor Conf. Room |
| Beaverton Comm. for Citizen Involvement | Tues. | Nov. 23 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall, 1st Floor Conf. Room |
| Beaverton Sister Cities Foundation | Thurs. | Nov. 18 | 12:30 p.m. | City Hall, 3rd Floor Conf. Room |
| | Thurs. | Dec. 16 | 12:30 p.m. | |
| Bicycle Advisory Committee | Tues. | Dec. 7 | 6:00 p.m. | City Hall, 3rd Floor Conf. Room |
| Board of Design Review | Thurs. | Nov. 18 | 6:30 p.m. | City Hall, Council Chambers |
| | Thurs. | Dec. 2 | 6:30 p.m. | City Hall, 2nd Floor Conf. Room |
| | Thurs. | Dec. 9 | 6:30 p.m. | City Hall, Council Chambers |
| | Thurs. | Dec. 16 | 6:30 p.m. | |
| Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Com. | Thurs. | Nov. 18 | 3:30 p.m. | City Hall, 3rd Floor Conf. Room |
| | Thurs. | Dec. 16 | 3:30 p.m. | |
| Human Rights Advisory Commission | Tues. | Nov. 16 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall, 1st Floor Conf. Room |
| | Tues. | Dec. 21 | 7:00 p.m. | |
| Planning Commission | Wed. | Nov. 17 | 6:30 p.m. | City Hall, Council Chambers |
| | Wed. | Dec. 1 | 6:30 p.m. | |
| | Wed. | Dec. 8 | 6:30 p.m. | |
| | Wed. | Dec. 15 | 6:30 p.m. | |
| Traffic Commission | Thurs. | Dec. 2 | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall, Council Chambers |

*Call (503) 526-2640 V/TDD for a recording of City Council agendas.

**Call Neighborhood Program, (503) 526-2243 V/TDD to confirm location and meeting dates.

The events listed on this calendar are subject to change. The calendar on the City Web site will have the most current information about events and any cancellations. See www.ci.beaverton.or.us/community/vcalendar.cfm for more details.

Assistive listening devices or sign interpreters will be made available at any public meeting or program sponsored by the City of Beaverton upon request with a minimum of 72 hours advance notice. To request either service, please call (503) 526-2497 V/TDD.

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Beaverton Community Center: 12350 SW 5th Street
Beaverton Resource Center: 12500 SW Allen Boulevard
Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS), 8640 SW Turquoise Loop
City Hall: 4755 SW Griffith Drive
Conestoga Middle School: 12250 SW Conestoga
Edgewood Downs Retirement Center: 7799 SW Scholls Ferry Road
Elmonica School: 16950 SW Lisa
Five Oaks School: 1600 NW 173rd Avenue
Highland Park Middle: 7000 SW Wilson
Library Building: 12375 SW 5th Street
Nancy Ryles School: 10250 SW Cormorant
Sayler's Old Country Kitchen Restaurant: 4655 SW Griffith Drive
Seventh Day Adventist Church: 14645 SW Davis Road
Sexton Mt. School: 15645 SW Sexton Mt. Drive
Southridge High School: 9625 SW 125th Avenue
Valley Presbyterian Church: 8060 SW Brentwood
THPRD Nature Park Interpretive Center: 15655 SW Millikan Way
West Sylvan Middle School: 8111 SW West Slope Drive
Whitford Middle School: 7935 SW Scholls Ferry Road

Please note that Beaverton City Hall and the Beaverton City Library will be closed on:

Thursday and Friday, November 25-26
City Hall and Library closed for business.

Friday, December 24
City Hall closed for business.
Library open for business until 5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, December 25-26
City Hall and Library closed for business.

Friday, December 31
City Hall closed for business.
Library open for business until 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1
City Hall and Library closed for business

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